

60/340,937- 60/348,937, filed on 10 January 2002 and incorporated herein by reference.

Claim Objections

3. I do not believe that Claims 1-13 are in improper form due to multiple dependent claims being dependent on other multiple dependent claims. I believe there must have been some misunderstanding in the content of the claims.

Claim Rejections

4. I do not believe that Claims 1-10 are, in fact, indefinite.

With respect to Claim 1, the objection to the term "improving" appears to be unreasonable given the context of the application (p16, l 14-16 and l 24-26). The amount of "improvement" does not alter the description as being an "improvement" primarily in the context of durability (p16, l16). Clearly, if a situation were to occur in which it was desirable for the fabric to degrade easily, perhaps for waste disposal in a landfill, then this would not be considered an